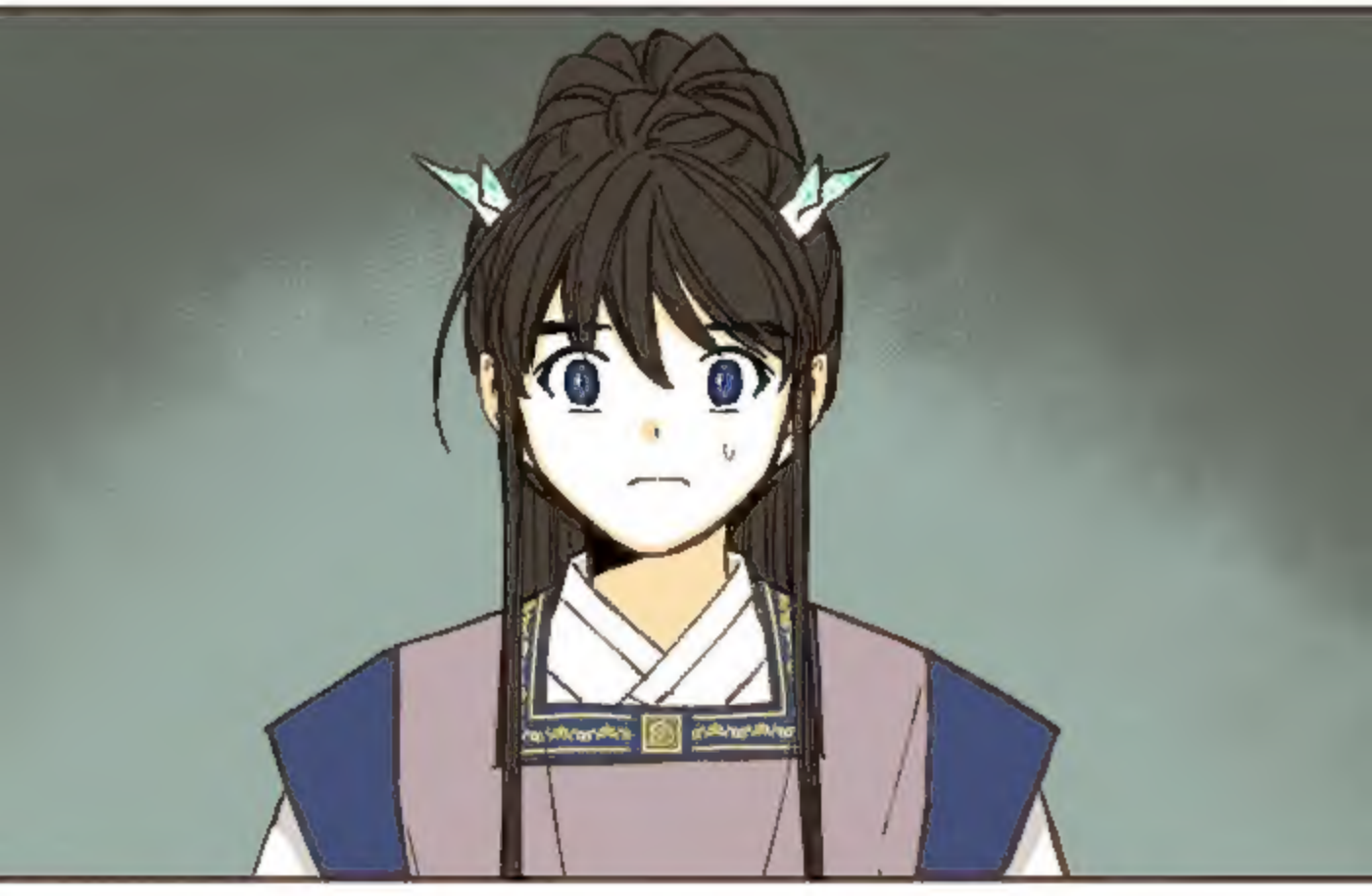
How to become a Dragon

- EPISODE 49 -

WHAT IS THIS...
...THAT I SPEAK OF?



ANOTHER RIDDLE...?
WHAT COULD IT BE?
SOMETHING CONSIDERED BOTH GOOD AND BAD...

YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT IT COULD BE?
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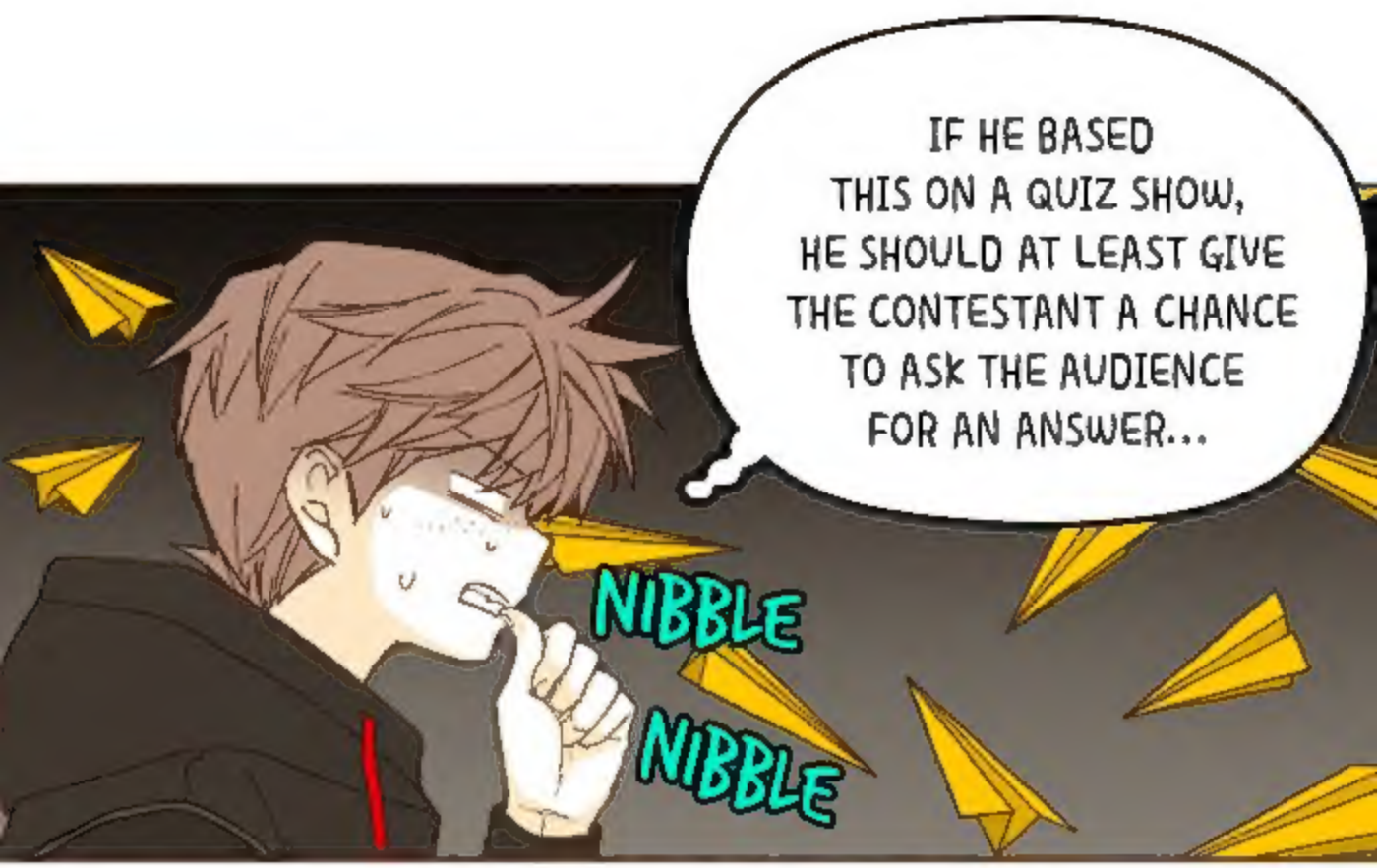
STEP

NO...
DO YOU?
NOPE.


IF HE BASED THIS ON A QUIZ SHOW, HE SHOULD AT LEAST GIVE THE CONTESTANT A CHANCE TO ASK THE AUDIENCE FOR AN ANSWER...
NIBBLE
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BUT IT LOOKS LIKE...
...NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IT COULD BE.

YISHIMI...
DOES HE KNOW?
BUT EVEN IF HE DOES, THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO TELL US THE ANSWER.
DARN

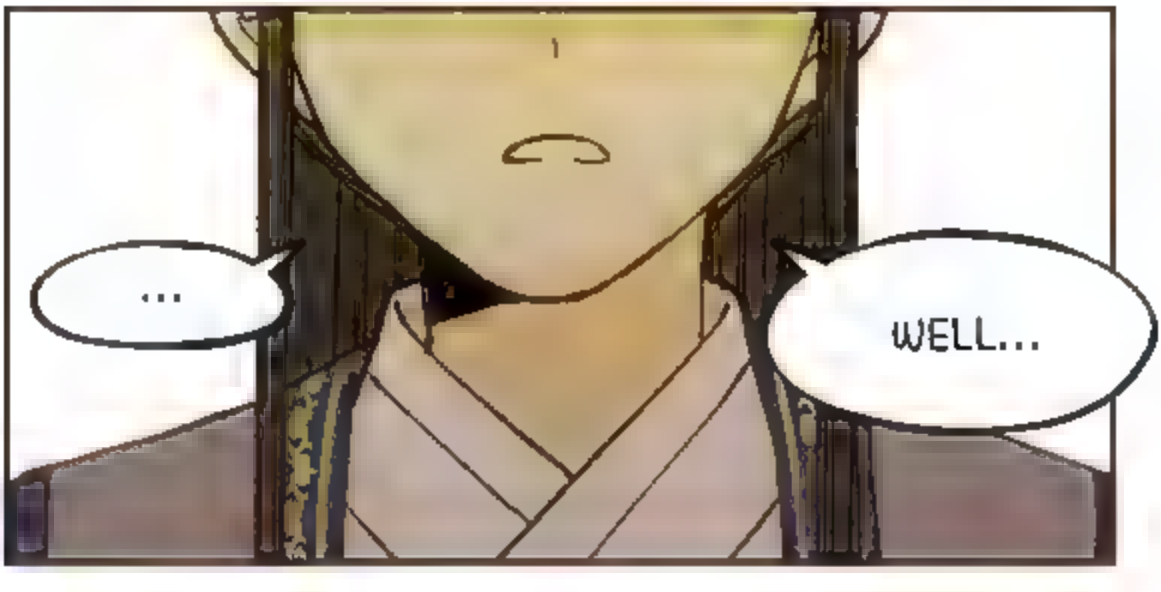
WELL, AT LEAST BARI PASSED THE FIRST EXAM.
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH...

UM...

MAY I...
...TELL YOU MY ANSWER NOW?

HUH!
YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T AN EASY QUESTION.
BUT YOU SEEM CONFIDENT ABOUT WHAT YOU CAME UP WITH.

ALRIGHT, GO AHEAD.
WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?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WELL...

...HUMANS CONSIDER THIS...
...BOTH MEDICINE AND POISON.

THEY SOMETIMES RUN FROM IT, BELIEVING IT'LL BRING HARM.
AT TIMES THEY SEEK IT OUT ON PURPOSE FOR ALL KINDS OF USES.

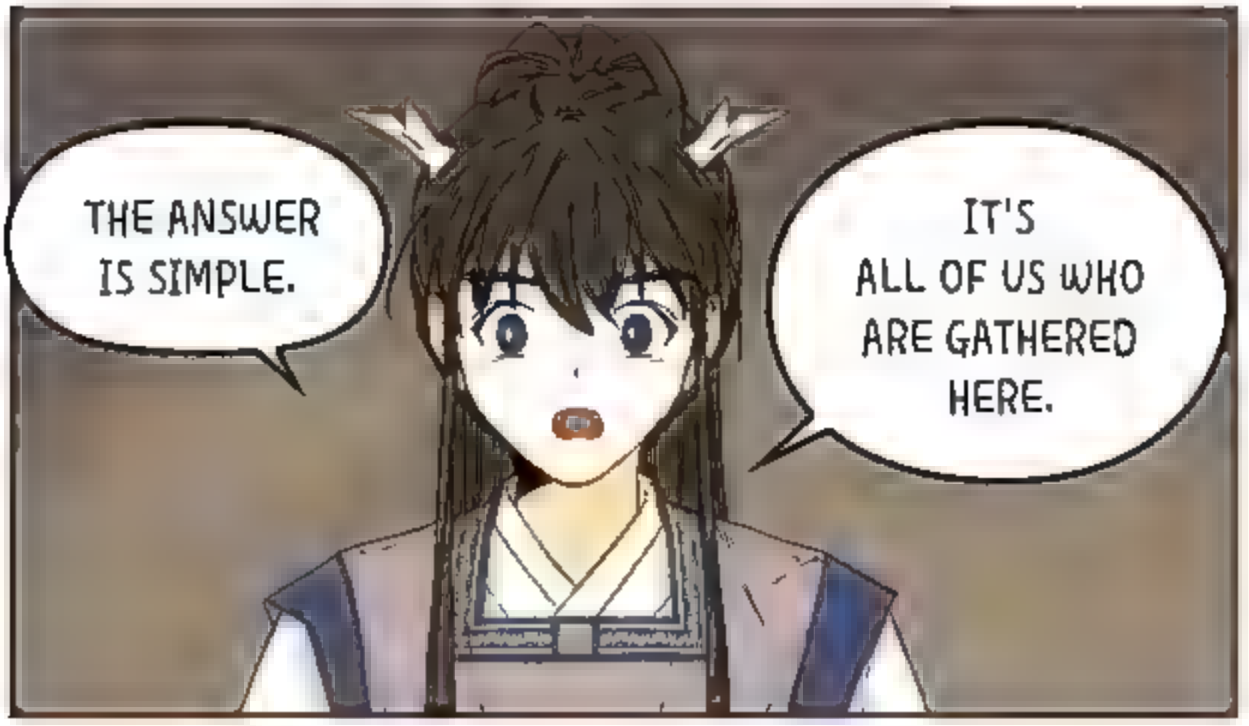
ITS APPEARANCE LEADS SOME TO REVERE AND WORSHIP IT AS A GOD...
...WHILE OTHER BELIEVE IT TO BE THE ULTIMATE EVIL.

IT HAS BEEN WITH HUMANS FOR A LONG TIME.

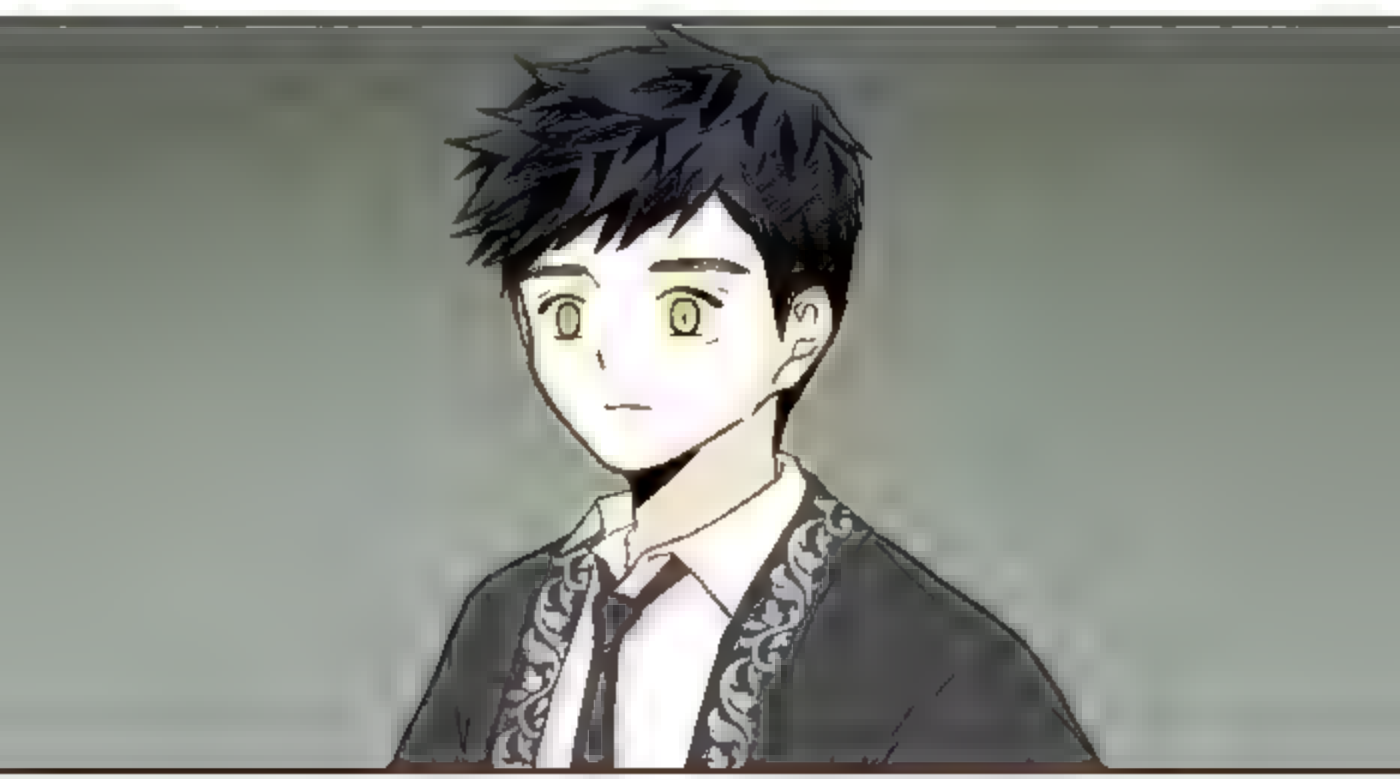
IT'S MENTIONED IN BOOKS...

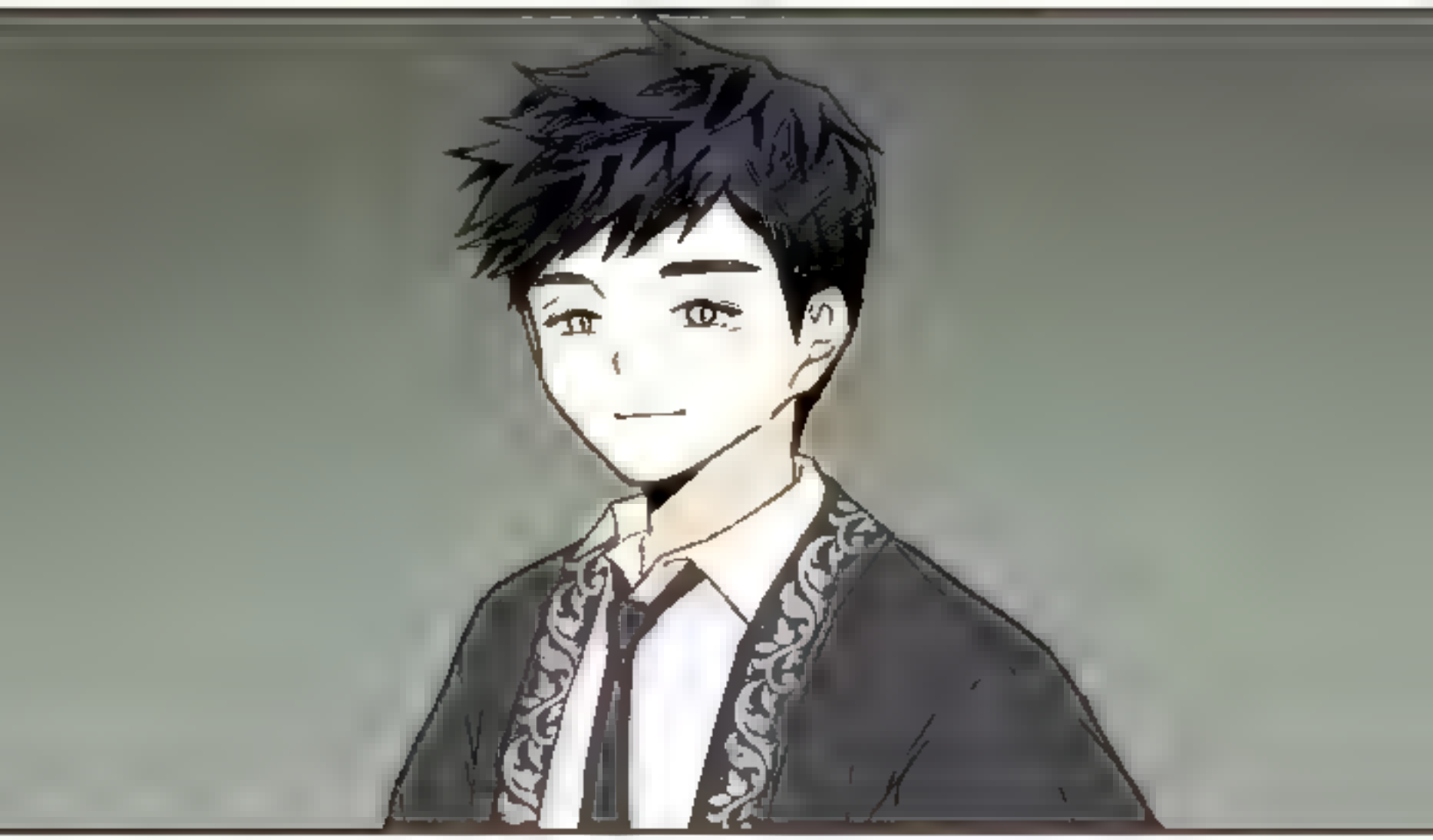
...IN SONGS...

...AND HAS GAINED A FIRM FOOTHOLD IN THEIR LEGENDS.


THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE.
IT'S ALL OF US WHO ARE GATHERED HERE.

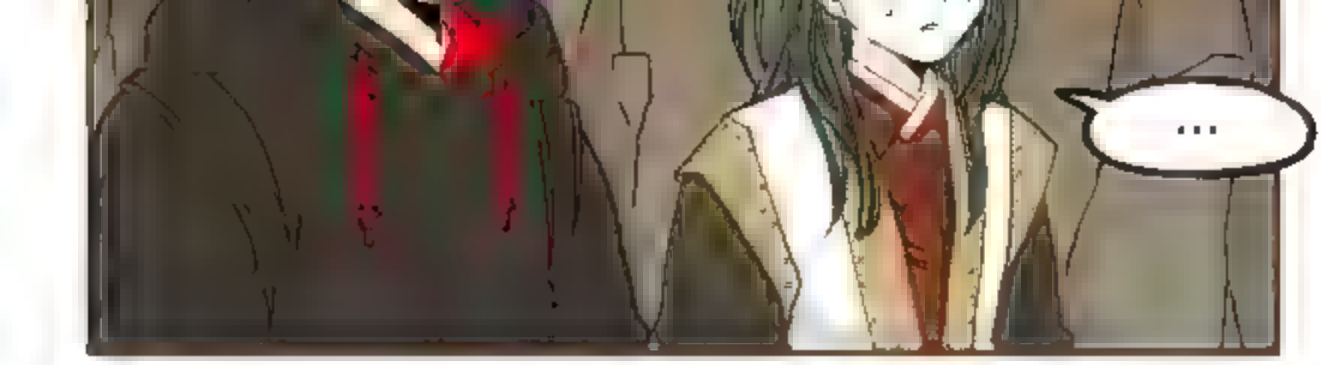
THE ANSWER
IS SNAKES.





THAT'S CORRECT!

HUH...?
HOW...?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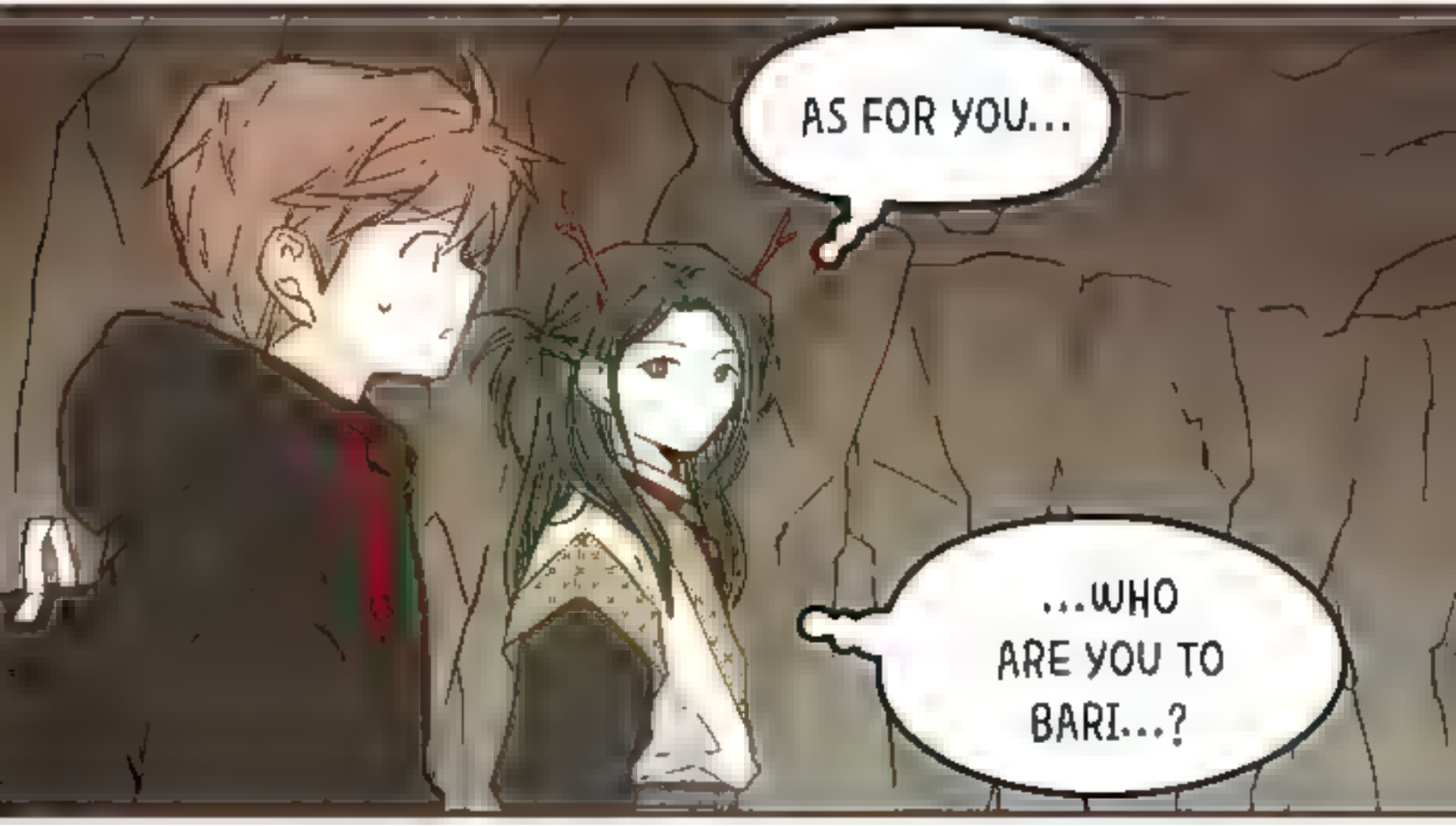
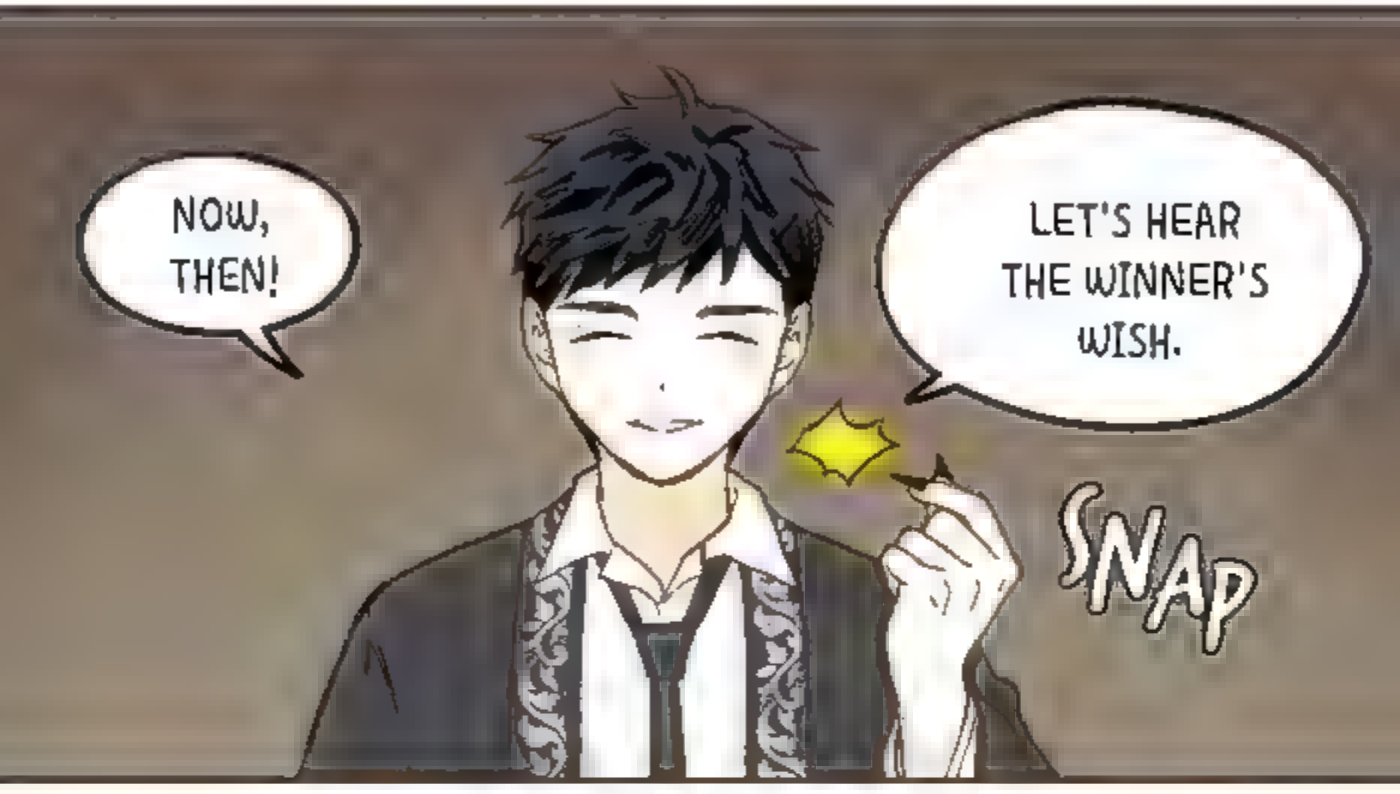
HE'S GONE THROUGH IT ALL.
WHAT?

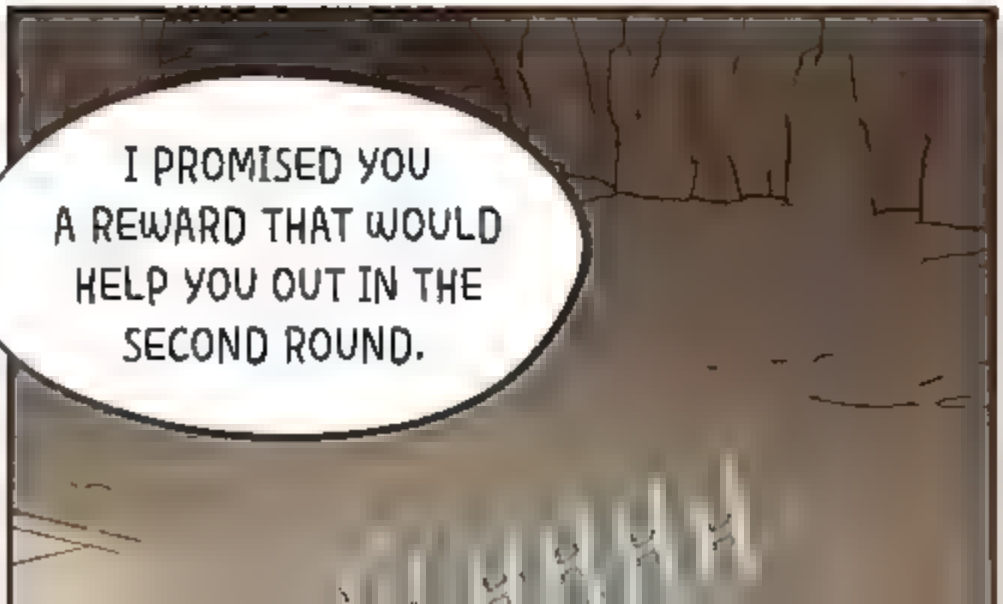
EVERYTHING BARI MENTIONED IS SOMETHING HE EXPERIENCED HIMSELF.
THERE WAS A PERSON WHO RAN AWAY IN FEAR AFTER FINDING OUT BARI WAS ACTUALLY A SNAKE IN DISGUISE.
YOUNG
ONE HUMAN KNEW BARI WAS A MYTHICAL CREATURE AND TRIED TO USE HIM FOR THEIR GAIN.

ANOTHER PERSON WORSHIPPED HIM, BELIEVING HE WAS A MOUNTAIN SPIRIT.
ONE GUY THOUGHT BARI WAS AN EVIL CREATURE AND TRIED TO KILL HIM.
THERE WAS ONE WHO WAS ACTUALLY FRIENDLY.
BARI CALLED THEM ALL HIS FRIENDS.

HE WAS ABLE TO FIND THE ANSWER...
CLANG
CLANG
...BECAUSE HE'D DEALT WITH SO MANY HUMANS.

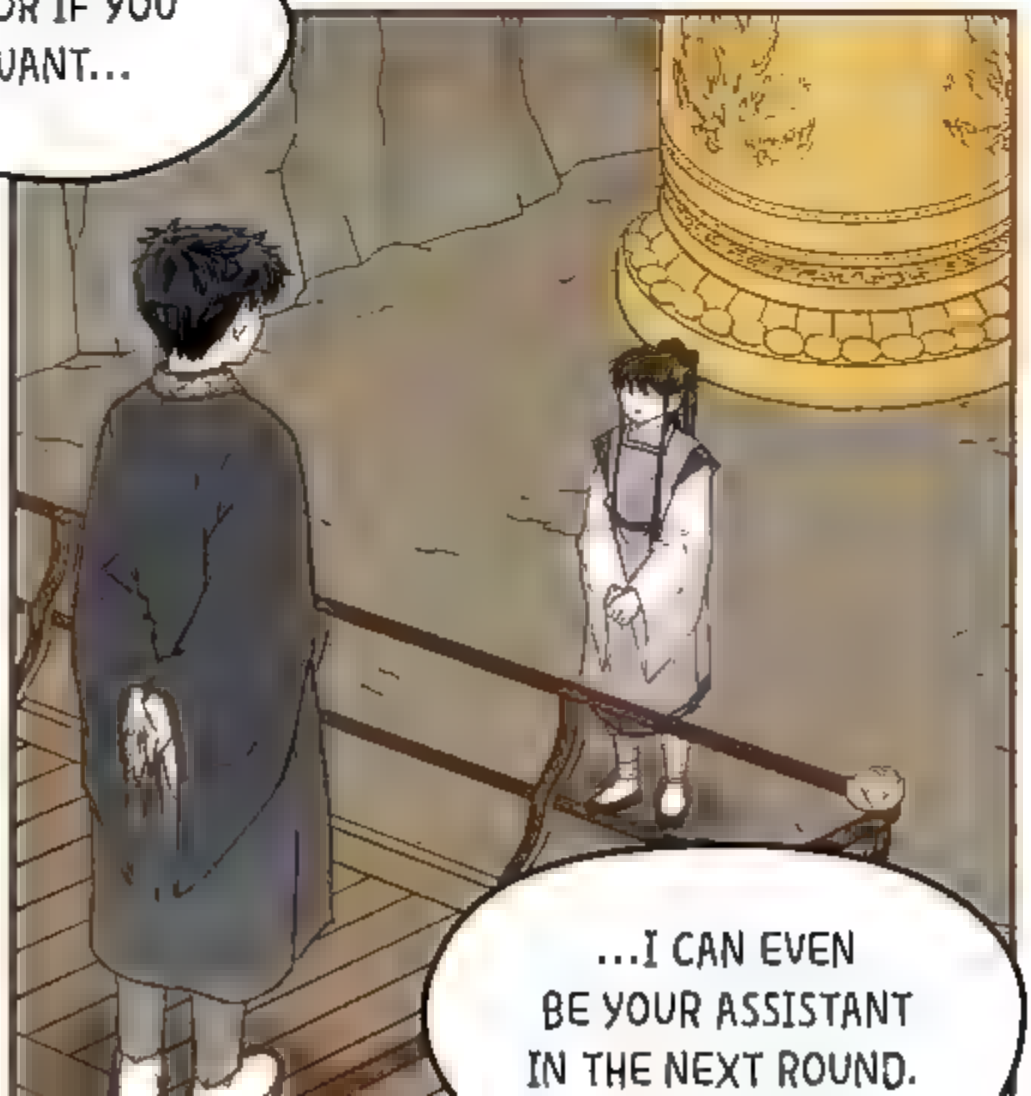

AS FOR YOU...
...WHO ARE YOU TO BARI...?


NOW, THEN!
LET'S HEAR THE WINNER'S WISH.
SNAP


I PROMISED YOU A REWARD THAT WOULD HELP YOU OUT IN THE SECOND ROUND.

I CAN GIVE YOU INFORMATION REGARDING THE NEXT EXAMINER...

...OR IF YOU WANT...



...I CAN EVEN BE YOUR ASSISTANT IN THE NEXT ROUND.

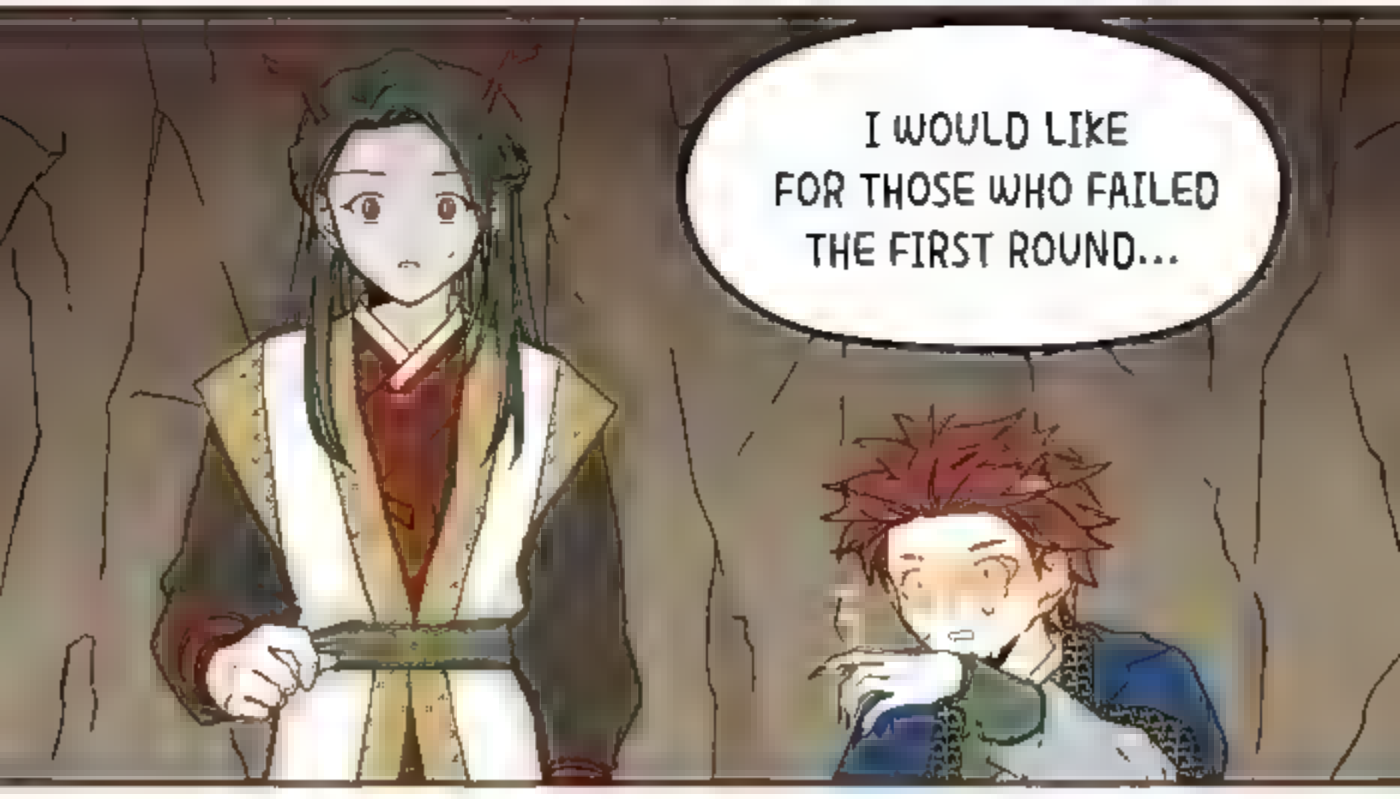
SO TELL ME...
WHAT IS YOUR WISH?

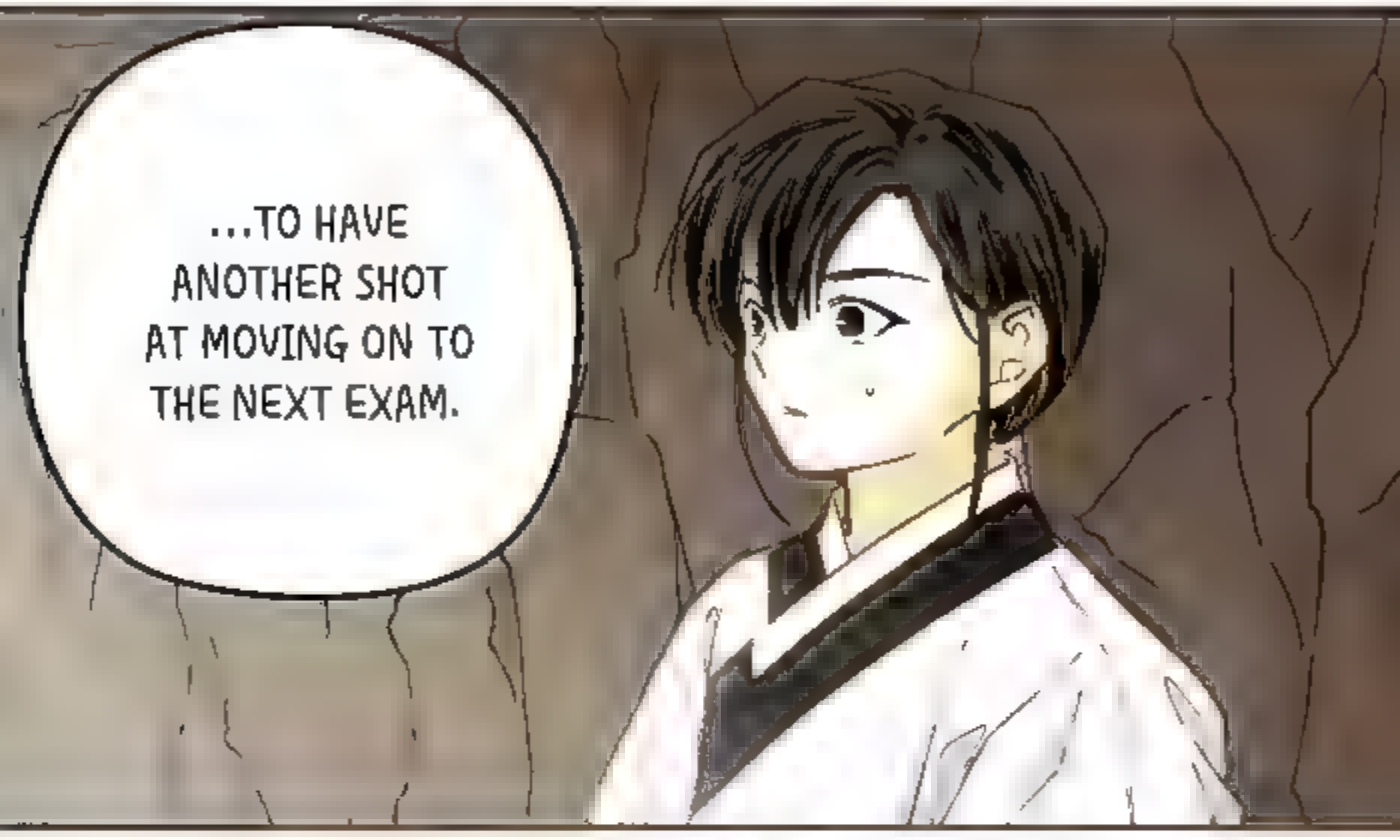
UM...

YOU KNOW, YOU CREATED THIS EXAM...
...SO I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW.

THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL...
...ABOUT SOME QUIZ SHOWS.

THEY SOMETIMES GIVE YOU A SECOND CHANCE.


I WOULD LIKE FOR THOSE WHO FAILED THE FIRST ROUND...


...TO HAVE ANOTHER SHOT AT MOVING ON TO THE NEXT EXAM.

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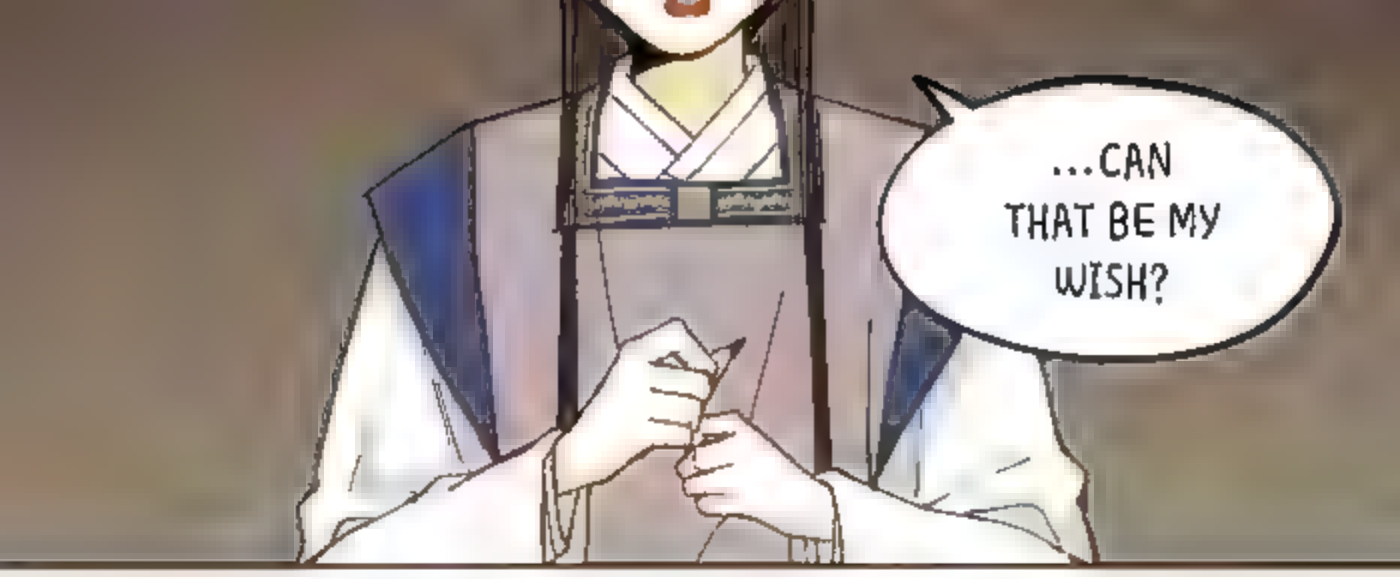
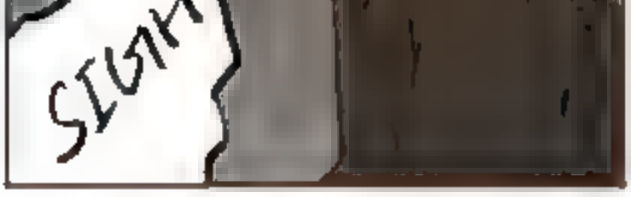

...CAN THAT BE MY WISH?

BA...

BARI...
...
DRIP
DRIP
...

FUMING
...!

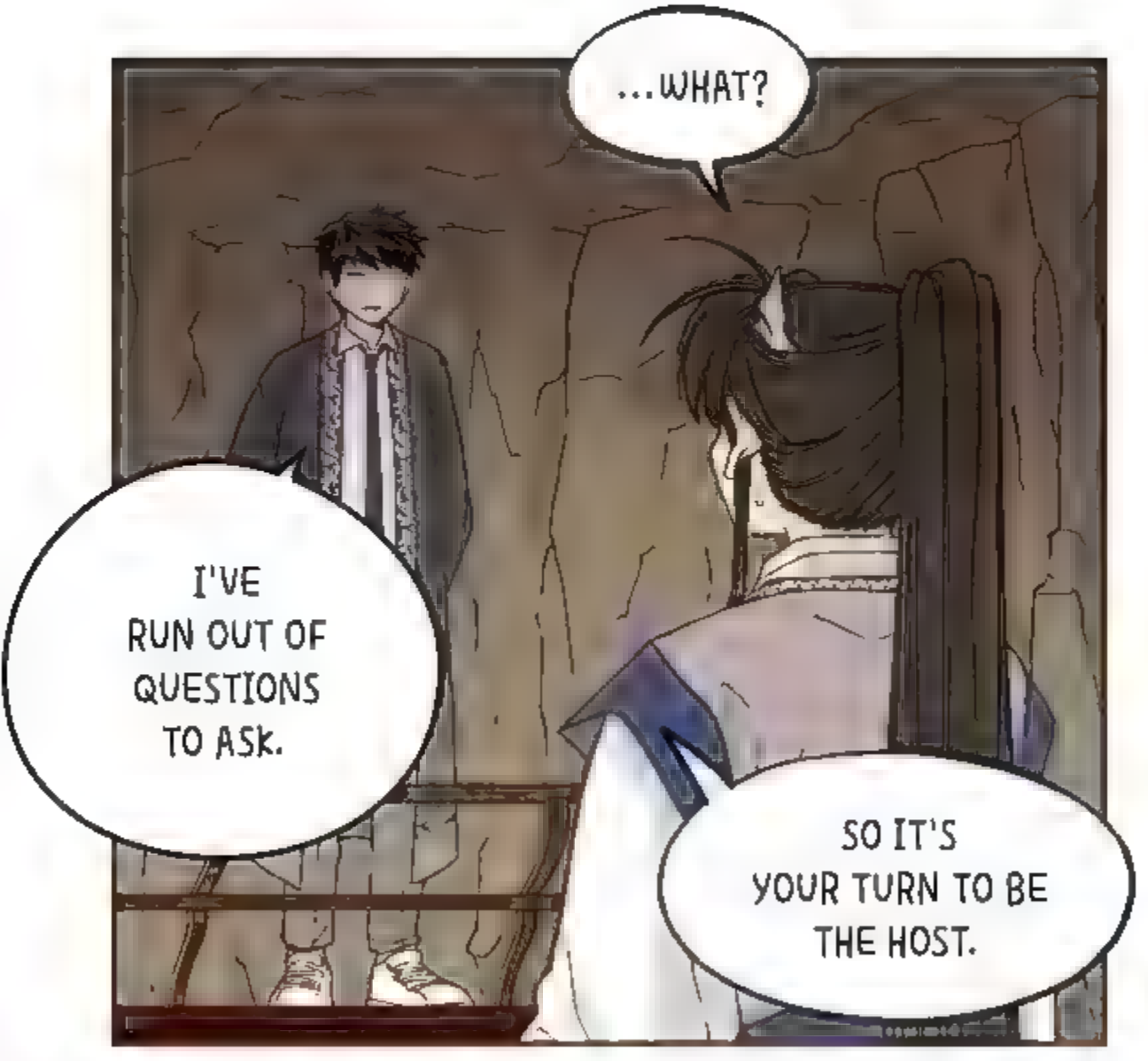

SIGH

WELL,
I KIND OF SAW
THAT COMING...
SINCE HE'S
FORMED AN ALLIANCE
WITH MIRI AND
YEONGNO,
OF COURSE HE'D
THINK OF THEM TOO.

HMM...
THE POINT OF THIS EXAM IS TO REDUCE CANDIDATES, BUT YOU WANT TO GIVE THEM ANOTHER CHANCE?
HOW ABSURD...
HOWEVER, IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO HAVE A BIGGER TALENT POOL TO DRAW FROM.

I SUPPOSE WE CAN BRING A FEW BACK IN.

BUT ONLY UNDER ONE CONDITION.
YOU MUST COME UP WITH THE QUESTION, BARI.


...WHAT?
I'VE RUN OUT OF QUESTIONS TO ASK.
SO IT'S YOUR TURN TO BE THE HOST.

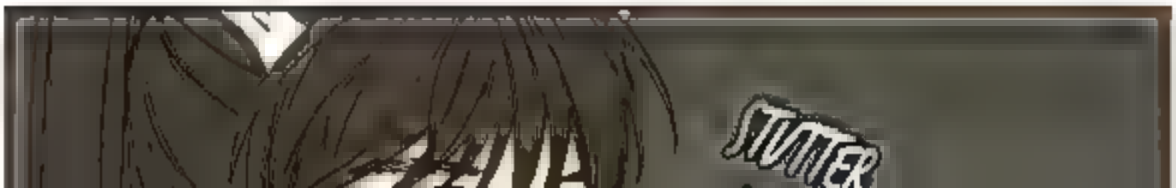
THAT'S GREAT!
HE ONLY WANTS MIRI AND YEONGNO TO PASS ANYWAY.
HE JUST HAS TO ASK SOMETHING THAT ONLY THE THREE OF THEM KNOW THE ANSWER TO.
THAT'LL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AND ALLOW HIM TO REMAIN LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS.

IT'S GOTTA BE A QUESTION THAT OTHER THE IMOOGI DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO

SOMETHING
THAT ONLY THE THREE
OF THEM KNOW.
HMM

...!

OKAY, THEN.
MY QUESTION IS...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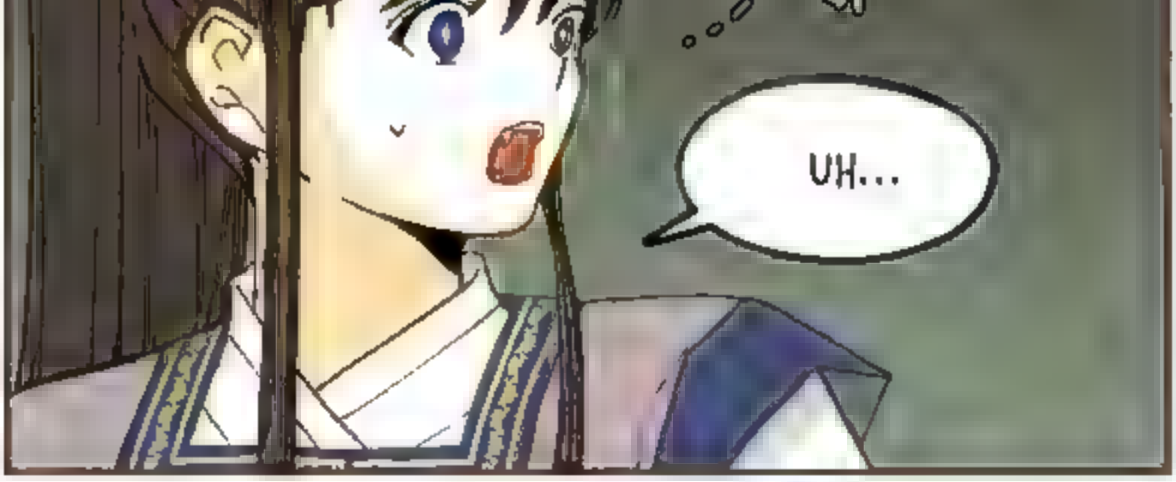
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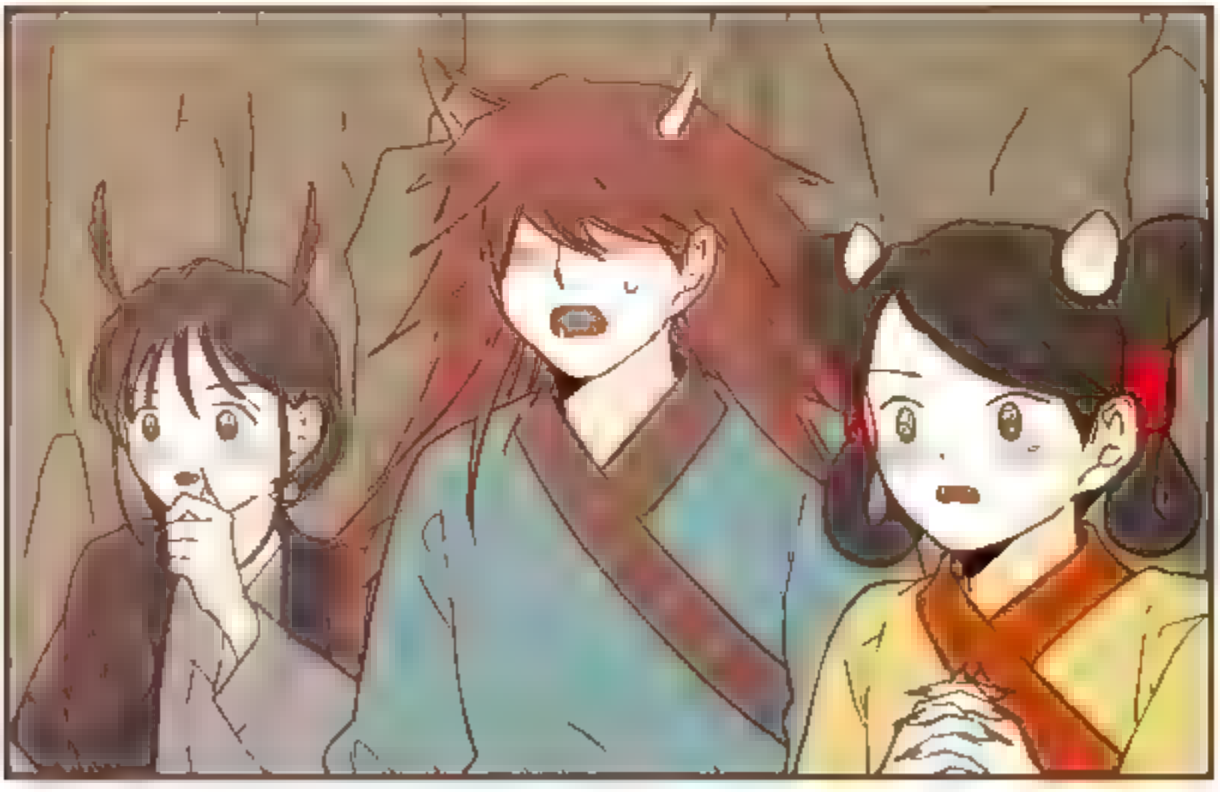

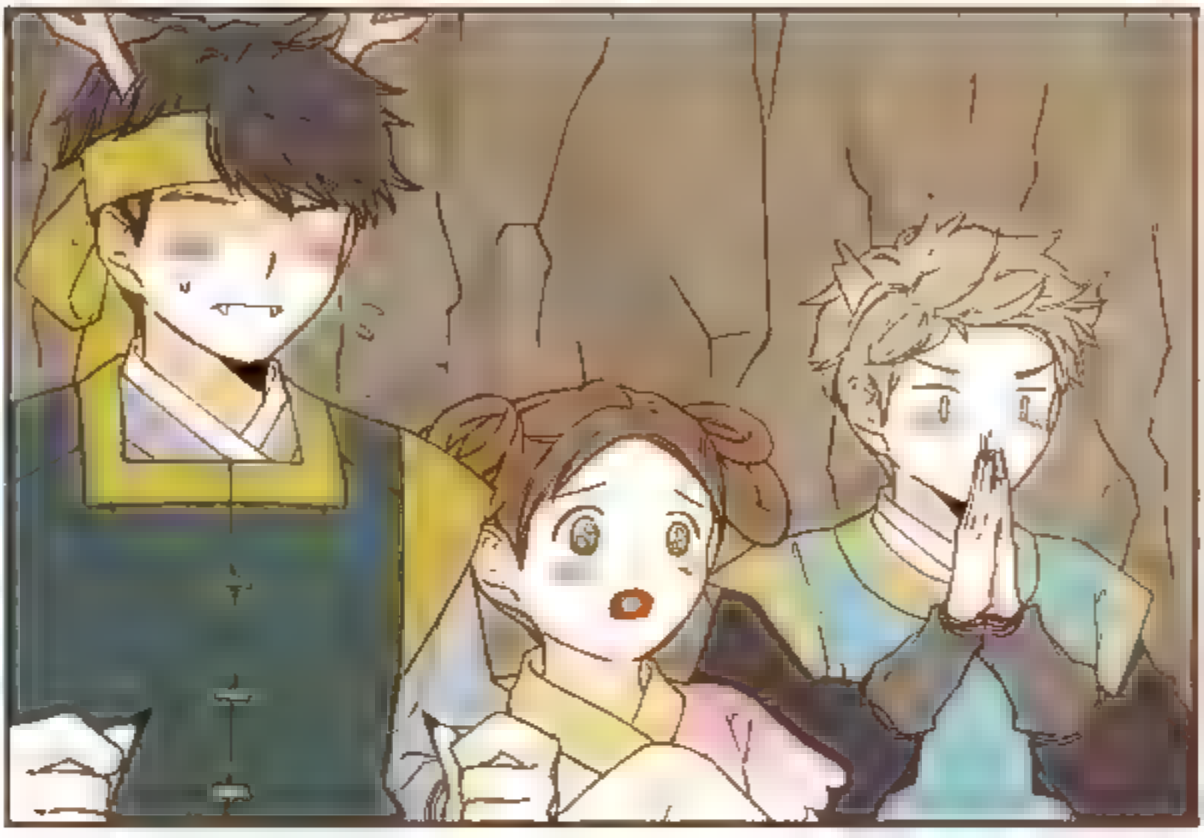

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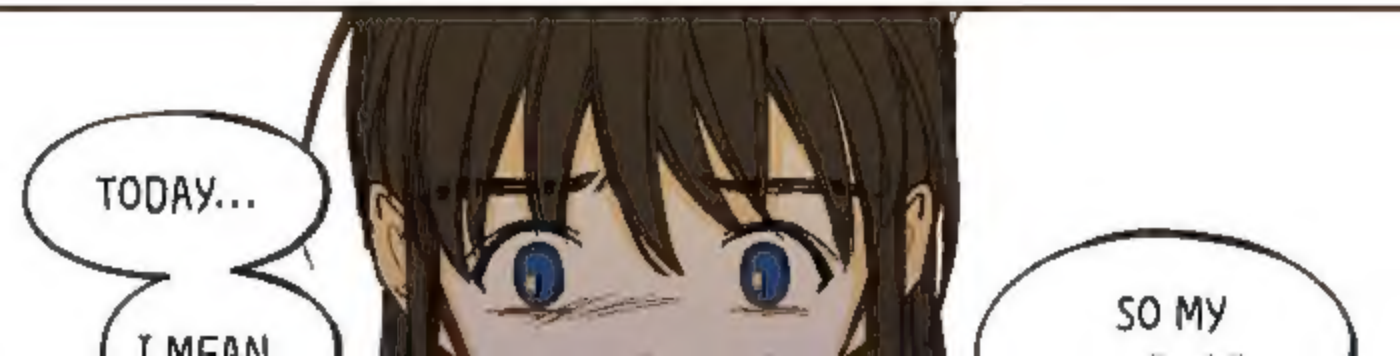
TODAY...
I MEAN
SO MY

I MEAN...

QUESTION IS...

WHAT IS...

THE NAME OF THE RIVER...

...THAT THE FINAL WINNER WILL GOVERN?

...DID YOU SEE THIS ONE COMING?
...